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February 2, 2006

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary Surface Transportation Board 1925 K St. N.W. Washington, D.C. 20043



RE: STB Ex Parte No. 647, Class Exemption for Expedited Abandonment Procedure for Class II and Class III Railroads

Dear Secretary Williams:

This letter is in response to the Board's decision served January 19, 2006 in the above-noted proceeding, and is to inform the Board that The National Industrial Transportation League intends to participate in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

Nicholas J. DiMichael

Counsel for The National Industrial Transportation League

cc: Mark Sidman, Esq.

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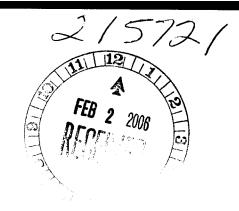
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NOTICE OF INTENT

John D. Fitzgerald, $\frac{1}{}$ for and on behalf of United Transportation Union-General Committee of Adjustment (UTU/GO-386), intends to participate in the rulemaking process. 71 Fed. Reg. 3030. (Jan. 19, 2006).

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